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EARL WICKLANDER DIES SUDDENLY

WEEK'S ILLNESS RESULTS IN
DEATH OF FORMER GRO-
TON CITIZEN

Earl S. Wicklander, a former citizen of Groton, but more recently of Leola, where he has been cashier and vice president of the Leola National Bank, belonging to the Bank Stock group, passed away at an Aberdeen hospital Monday morning after an illness of only a week. The cause of his death was an ailment resembling erysipelas. The deceased was born in Isle, Minn., on May 6, and graduated from the high schools of that place. Following his graduation he went to a business college at Little Falls, Minn., and took a commercial course, upon the completion of which he accepted a position in the First National bank of this city. He remained with this institution for a number of years and when Jay Reeves was state auditor he went to Pierre as assistant state auditor. He remained at Pierre for a few years and then accepted a position as cashier of the First National Bank at Atwater, Minn., and after remaining with this concern for some time, returned to Groton and purchased a half interest in the Thede Insurance Agency. While at Atwater he accidentally shot himself through the foot, and this coupled with an attack of inflammatory rheumatism prevented him from enlisting in the World War.

Married in 1919

In the summer of 1919 he was married to Miss Nina Wing, of Groton, and to this union one daughter, Marion, was born. He remained with the Thede Agency in Groton for a number of years and went to Stratford, where he was appointed cashier of the Farmers State Bank. Following about five years of service at this place, he accepted a call from the Bank Stock group to take charge of one of their branches at Leola, being appointed cashier and vice president. He was acting in this capacity at the time of his death.

He is survived by his wife and daughter, two brothers and two uncles. The brothers are Leslie of Minneapolis, former editor of the Groton Independent, and Emmett, of McGrath, Minn. The uncles are Manny and Elmer Wicklander of Cambridge, Minn., all of whom were present at the funeral.

Mr. Wicklander, together with his activeness as a banker, was also a public spirited citizen, his connection with civic enterprises while a resident of Groton being marked by considerable energy and a sincere desire to see the town of his adoption progress and take its place in the forefront of South Dakota cities. He was also a Mason and a Shriner. He took his first degree in Masonry in the Groton lodge on the 26th day of March, 1920, and was elevated to Master Mason on May 21, 1920.

The funeral will be held from the Presbyterian church in Groton Thursday afternoon at 2:30, conducted by Rev. E. W. Spence with Masonic ceremonies at the last resting place, in charge of Charles Lietz.